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SUBJ: GREEK COUP

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1. FONOFF·S DAVISON (HEAD, CENTRAL DEPT), TOLD EMBOFF LATE APRIL 28 THAT SOVIET AMBASSADOR SMIRNOVSKY URGENTLY SOUGHT APPOINTMENT TODAY WITH FONSEC BROWN. FONSEC OTHERWISE OCCUPIED. DEPUTY

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UNDERSEC HOOD RECEIVED SMIRNOVSKY WHO MADE STRONG PITCH FOR HMG INTERVENTION WITH GREEK AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT "SAVAGE REPRISAL" (I.E. EXECUTION) AGAINST MANOLIS GLEZOS. HOOD PROMISED INFORM BROWN AND PRIMIN WILSON ABOUT SMIRNOVSKY'S DEMARCHE.

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2. RESPONSE EMBOFF·S QUESTION, DAVIDSON THOUGHT EXTENT OF HMG·S PROBLEM WITH LABOR BACKBENCHERS ON GREECE WOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS BY COUP REGIME.

3. DAVISON CONFIDED THAT GREEK COUNSELOR TZOUNIS APRIL 27 URGED FONOFF TO ENCOURAGE MINED CROSLAND ATTEND ATHENS CONFERENCE EUROPEAN MINSED EARLY MAY. TZOUNIS CITED AS PRECEDENT A MEETING OF SOME NATO MINS IN TURKEY SHORTLY AFTER 1960 COUP. TODAY DAVIDSO INFORMED TZOUNIS THAT CROSLAND WOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND.

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4. ASKED IN LORDS APRIL 27 WHAT HMG CONSIDERED NECESSARY BEFORE

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AFFORDING RECOGNITION TO A NEW GOVT, PARLIAMENTARY UNDERSEC OF STATE FOR COMMONWEALTH AFFAIRS BESWICK SAID, "QUESTION OF FORMAL

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ACT OF RECOGNITION DOES NOT NORMALLY ARISE UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE IN HEAD OF STATE OR TWO OPPOSING REGIMES ARE EACH CLAIMING TO BE THE GOVT. NEITHER CONDITION CURRENTLY APPLIES IN GREECE."
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